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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER WHICH GEORGE M. WILSON, DEAN,
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, (NOT IU
PRESIDENT, AS STATED REFTEL) SENT TO WARSAW UNIVERSITY
RECTOR DR. ZYGMUNT RYBICKI ON FEBRUARY 10, 1976.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. IT IS A PLEASURE TO GREET YOU AGAIN NEARLY EIGHTEEN
MONTHS AFTER MY VISIT TO WARSAW UNIVERSITY. LET US HOPE
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE SOON. WE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY
ARE PLEASED THAT RAPID PROGRESS HAS OCCURRED IN DEVELOPING
THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY. IN ANTI-
CIPATION OF ITS FINAL ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS,
WE WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU A MEMORANDUM OUTLINING OUR IDEAS
ABOUT HOW TO DEVELOP POLISH STUDIES HERE.

2. INDIANA UNIVERSITY PROPOSES THE CREATION OF A PROGRAM
IN POLISH STUDIES, TO BE JOINTLY ESTABLISHED IN CONCERT
WITH OUR NEIGHBORING UNIVERSITIES WHICH, TOGETHER, CONSTI-
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TUTE THE MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL

ACTIVITIES, INC. (MUCIA). THE MEMBER UNIVERSITIES OF MUCIA ARE SEVEN: IN ADDITION TO INDIANA, THEY ARE ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN STATE, MINNESOTA, OHIO STATE, PURDUE, AND WISCONSIN. FROM THE VAST AGGREGATE RESOURCES OF THESE INSTITUTIONS WE CAN BE SURE OF RECOMMENDING QUALIFIED UNITED STATES SCHOLARS TO STAFF THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY. CONVERSELY, POLISH SCHOLARS BOTH SENIOR AND JUNIOR STAFF, WILL BE INVITED TO SPEND DESIGNATED PERIODS, SUCH AS A SEMESTER OR ACADEMIC YEAR, AT ONE OR MORE OF THE MUCIA UNIVERSITIES.

3. BECAUSE THE PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES REQUIRES A FIRM BASE AND CLEAR CONTINUITY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OFFERS TO SERVE AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM IN 1976-77. DURING THIS FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR OF THE PROGRAM'S EXISTENCE INDIANA UNIVERSITY ALSO WISHES TO INVITE ONE SENIOR SPECIALIST IN POLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE TO TEACH AND DO RESEARCH AT BLOOMINGTON. WE EXPECT A SIMILAR INVITATION IN THE FIELD OF POLISH HISTORY TO COME FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY IN THE MUCIA CONSORTIUM.

4. MUCIA HAS ALREADY APPROVED THIS ARRANGEMENT AND DEPENDS ON ITS MEMBER INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE THE FIRM BASE AND CLEAR CONTINUITY REFERRED TO ABOVE. AT PRESENT ONLY TWO OR THREE SCHOOLS MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES, BUT IN THE FUTURE OTHER MUCIA UNIVERSITIES ARE ALSO LIKELY TO TAKE PART.

5. OUR VISITING PROFESSORS IN POLISH STUDIES WILL RECEIVE REGULAR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND SALARIES FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND ANY OTHER MUCIA SCHOOL WHICH INVITES THEM TO SPEND TIME IN RESIDENCE. WE WILL ASSIST THEM IN FINDING ADEQUATE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS, AND WILL ARRANGE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICE. THEY WILL TEACH IN THEIR DISCIPLINES AND REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES AS WELL AS TO THEIR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN.

6. JUNIOR STAFF FROM WARSAW UNIVERSITY MAY SPEND APPROVED PERIODS RANGING FROM A SEMESTER TO A YEAR OR LONGER AT
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INDIANA OR OTHER MUCIA SCHOOLS, WHERE THEY WILL CONDUCT RESEARCH IN FIELDS DEEMED PROPER BY WARSAW UNIVERSITY. BECAUSE WE DESIRE TO DEVELOP THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT WARSAW, WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE JUNIOR STAFF SPECIALIZING IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF AMERICAN STUDIES. TAX-FREE FELLOWSHIPS WILL BE THE NORMAL MODE OF COMPENSATION FOR JUNIOR STAFF. IN 1976-77 INDIANA UNIVERSITY INVITES WARSAW UNIVERSITY TO NOMINATE ONE SUCH INDIVIDUAL. OTHER MUCIA

SCHOOLS MAY MAKE SIMILAR OFFERS, AND WE SHALL PURSUE EFFORTS TO SECURE FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANTS AND RELATED TYPES OF SUPPORT.

7. AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS WITH WARSAW UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO BUILD UP EXISTING POLISH COLLECTIONS AMONG THE LIBRARIES OF THE MUCIA INSTITUTIONS. ON OUR SIDE WE NEED TO REACH A FINAL DECISION ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH MATERIALS.

8. WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE PROGRAM'S FOUNDING, THE DIRECTOR WILL ORGANIZE A SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE A THEME OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN POLISH STUDIES. BOTH UNITED STATES AND POLISH SCHOLARS WILL PARTICIPATE, AND IF FURTHER FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, CONFERENCES ON OTHER TOPICS WILL BE HELD BIENNIALY. IT IS DESIRABLE TO PUBLISH THE PROCEEDINGS OF THESE CONFERENCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF INTERESTED RESEARCHERS AROUND THE WORLD.

9. DETAILS CONCERNING THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THEIR VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SET FORTH IN AN ANNEX TO THIS DOCUMENT. FURTHER, THE ANNEX WILL SPECIFY THE ROLE OF MUCIA HEADQUARTERS AND THE COOPERATING UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

10. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BECOME VALID UPON THE SIGNATURES OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY, THE RECTOR OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TREASURER OF THE MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INC. ITS VALIDITY WILL EXTEND FOR FIVE YEARS. ALL PARTIES MUST AGREE TO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS. IF CANCELLATION IS TO OCCUR, ONE OR MORE OF THE PARTIES

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MUST GIVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S NOTICE.

TRUSTING THAT YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE POINTS PROPOSED IN THE ABOVE MEMORANDUM, I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE SO THAT WE CAN MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD FINALIZATION OF BOTH THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AND AN AGREEMENT ON THE MUCIA PROGRAM IN POLISH STUDIES. MEANWHILE, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

END TEXT

11. CU/EE PLANS TO DISCUSS LETTER WITH DEAN WILSON WHEN HE VISITS DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 20 AND WILL CABLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD. INGERSOLL

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